

# ***Mt. Zion United Church of Christ***

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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **Christ the King Sunday**

### ***Thankful for Our Future***

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.*

*For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TIME OF GRATITUDE**

*During this time of gratitude, we will be praying for the future of Mt. Zion UCC, thanking God for the people we have yet to meet and the ministries that have yet to break forth!*

**PRELUDE**    *Open Our Eyes & Open the Eyes of My Heart*    by Cull/Allen and Baloché

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** God of Life,

**All:** you are as near to us as our breath.

**One:** Touch our eyes,

**All:** that we may see you in one another.

**One:** Open our ears,

**All:** that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

**One:** Enter our hearts,

**All:** that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

**One:** Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

**All:** Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

**ALL:** Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus' words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2162 (FWS, v. 1 & refrain)

*Grace Alone<sup>4</sup>*

**ALL SING:** Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind, is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone we will go forth in grace alone.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 387** (black hymnal)

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*During the Joys and Concerns, we invite you to reflect on someone or something that you see for the future of our church that you are thankful for and write it on the strip provided. During the offertory, there will be time to put together your strip of paper with others in your pew to create a chain.*

### OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let the Worshippers Arise* by Faren

*During the offertory, we invite you to join the strips of paper together with others in your row, using the stickers provided. We invite you to bring forward the chain of gratitude from your row.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 376 (black hymnal, v. 4)

*God, We Thank You for Our People*

**ALL SING:** By your Spirit of creation keep us bold for risking still, eager in anticipation, ever strong to do your will. Bind us close to one another, sharing life and death and birth, Welcoming as sister, brother, all your children on the earth.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 327 (see attached)

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*I Will Follow*

by Tomlin, Ingram, and Reuben

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ucc.org/justice\\_worker-justice\\_labor-sunday\\_worship-resources](http://www.ucc.org/justice_worker-justice_labor-sunday_worship-resources)

<sup>2</sup> *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*. Tune: Prichard, Text: Wesley. Reprinted under Once License # A725030.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3775/worship-connection-april-24-2016>

<sup>4</sup> *Grace Alone*. Jeff Nelson & Scott Wesley Brown. © 1998 Universal Music. CCLI License #3220582.

<sup>5</sup> *Crown Him With Many Crowns*. Tune Elvey. Reprinted under One License # A725030.

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We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Jeff and Nancy Sleeper's anniversary from Drew, Danika, Holt, and Hayden Dallam.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the Advent Worship Team by Natalie Behrends.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Jack Bicher's 2nd birthday, love Mommy and Daddy.

Thank you to the November Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Lana Fritz, Dani Kardisco, Diane Strine, Elaine Bevivino, and Pastor Dani.

Thank you to Denny Daugherty for serving as a substitute pianist at both services.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: Kathy Ferree, Dani Kardisco; Diane & Don Strine

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: Ken Dunbar

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Nancy & Jeff Sleeper; Jim Beyer & Jesse Smith

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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## 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy  
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

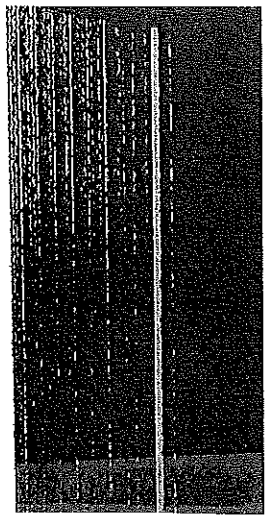
earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,  
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,  
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -  
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of  
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways  
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee  
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our

LIFE IN CHRIST

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.



## O Christ, the Great Foundation

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*Timothy Tingfang Lew, 1933; alt.  
Transl. Frank W. Price, 1953; alt.*

*Acts 2:17-21; Eph. 4:4-6; Col. 1:18-20*

- 1 O Christ, the great foun-da-tion  
on which your peo-ple stand  
to preach your true sal-va-tion  
in ev-ery age and land:  
Pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it  
to make us strong and pure,  
to keep the faith un-bro-ken  
as long as worlds en-dure.
- 2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion,  
one church in all the earth,  
we bear Christ's own im-pres-sion,  
the sign of sec-ond birth:  
One ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered  
in love be-yond our own,  
by grace we were in-vit-ed,  
by grace we make you known.
- 3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened,  
where strong de-vour the weak,  
where in-no-cents are fright-ened,  
the righ-teous fear to speak,  
There let your church a-wak-ing  
at-tack the powers of sin  
and, all their ram-parts break-ing,  
with you the vic-tory win.
- 4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious  
when Christ who once was dead  
shall lead the church vic-to-rious,  
their cham-pion and their head.  
The Sov-ereign of cre-a-tion  
a new do-min-ion brings,  
the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion,  
the glo-ry of all things.

*Timothy Tingfang Lew was born in China and was educated both there and in the United States. He served as representative to the World Council of Churches from 1927 to 1939 and chaired the commission that prepared the Chinese Union hymnbook in 1936.*

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

## 327 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet  
All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.



WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12)  
MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA  
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RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION, *see further:*

636 Christian People, Raise Your Song      715, 716 Rejoice, the Lord Is King  
177 He Is Lord